



Report of the Surgeon General's Workshop on

PORNOGRAPHY and PUBLIC HEALTH

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The Hon. Edwin Meese, III
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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

I am pleased to transmit to you the report of the "Surgeon General's Workshop on Pornography and Public Health," which was held in Arlington, Virginia, on June 22-24. The Workshop and this report are in response to a request from the Chair, Mr. Henry E. Hudson, and the Members of the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography that the U.S. Public Health Service provide information to the Commission on the possible effects pornography may have upon public health. I hope the enclosed report is helpful to the work of your Department.

May I add that we were extremely fortunate to have had participants at the Workshop, each of whom demonstrated throughout the intensive day and evening sessions an extraordinary degree of interest, knowledge, and collegiality. They deserve great credit and the sincere thanks of their government. In addition, a great many persons from both our Departments contributed to the planning and the ultimate success of this Workshop; however, I would like to give special acknowledgment to the following:

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If the U.S. Public Health can be of any further assistance to the work of the Department of Justice in this or other matters, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

C. Everett Koop, MD, DSc
Surgeon General

Enclosure

PORNOGRAPHY

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SURGEON GENERAL'S WORKSHOP
JUNE 22, 23, 24, 1986
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

The Surgeon General's Workshop on Pornography and Public Health

June 22-23-24, 1986
Stouffer Concourse Hotel
Arlington, Virginia

A G E N D A

Workshop Chairperson: Alberto Serrano, MD
Director, Philadelphia Child Guidance Clinic
Professor, Child Psychology, University of Pennsylvania

Sunday, June 22, 1986

- 3:00 PM REGISTRATION (Plaza level)
6:00 PM RECEPTION, Cash bar (Dewey I. Plaza level)
7:00 PM DINNER (Dewey I. Plaza level)
- Keynote and "Charge to the Participants"
C. Everett Koop, MD
Surgeon General
U.S. Public Health Service
 - "Psychological Research and Public Policy: Taking a Long, Hard Look
Before We Leap"
Authors: Don Byrne, PhD
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Kathryn Kelley, PhD
Associate Professor, Department of Psychology
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Discussant: Jon R. Conte, PhD
Assistant Professor
School of Social Service Administration
University of Chicago

Monday, June 23, 1986

- 7:30 AM BREAKFAST (Dewey I. Plaza level)
- "Remarks"
Henry Hudson
Chairman
Attorney General's Commission on Pornography

Monday, June 23, 1986, (Cont'd)

- 9:00 AM OPENING PLENARY SESSION (James Room, Lobby level)
- "Effects of Prolonged Consumption of Pornography"
Author: Dolf Zillman, PhD, Professor
Institute for Communications Research, Indiana Univ
Discussant: Albert Bandura, PhD
David Starr Jordan Professor of Social Science in
Psychology
Stanford University
- 10:30 AM COFFEE BREAK
- 10:45 AM RECONVENE PLENARY SESSION (James Room, Lobby Level)
- "Do Sexually Violent Media Indirectly Contribute to Antisocial Behavior?"
Author: Neil M. Malamuth, PhD
Chairman, Communications Studies
University of California at Los Angeles
Discussant: Carol Nadelson, MD
Professor & Vice Chairman, Department of Psychiatry
Tufts University School of Medicine
New England Medical Center
- 12:15 PM LUNCH (Dewey I. Plaza level)
- 1:30 PM RECONVENE PLENARY SESSION (James Room, Lobby level)
- "Effects on Juveniles of Being Used for Prostitution and Pornography"
Author: Mimi H. Silbert, PhD
President & Chief Executive Officer
Delancey Street Foundation
Discussant: Robert W. Deisher, MD
Professor of Pediatrics
Director, Division of Adolescent Medicine
University of Washington School of Medicine
- 3:00 PM COFFEE BREAK
- 3:15 PM RECONVENE PLENARY SESSION (James Room, Lobby level)
- "Techniques Designed to Mitigate the Impact of Mass Media Sexual Violence on Adolescents and Adults"
Author: Edward Donnerstein, PhD
Professor, Center for Communications Research
Department of Communications Arts
University of Wisconsin at Madison
Discussant: Gene G. Abel, MD
Professor of Psychiatry
Emory University School of Medicine
- 4:45 PM ADJOURN AFTERNOON SESSIONS
- 6:30 PM DINNER (Dewey I. Plaza level)
- "FBI Research and Violent Criminal Behavior"
Robert Ressler, Supervisory Special Agent
National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime
FBI Academy

Monday, June 23, 1986, (Cont'd)

- 8:00 PM RECONVENE PLENARY SESSION (James Room, Lobby level)
- "On Showing Sex to Children: Video and Remarks"
Bradley Greenberg, PhD
Chairman, Department of Telecommunications
Michigan State University

Tuesday, June 24, 1986

- 7:30 AM BREAKFAST (Dewey I, Plaza level)
- 8:30 AM CONVENE IN TWO CONCURRENT CONSENSUS SESSIONS
Participants will be assigned to one of the following sessions:
- Consensus Session I (Room 104, First floor)
"Effects of Pornography on Children and Young Adults"
Facilitator: Joyce N. Thomas, RN, MPH
Director, Division of Child Protection
Children's Hospital National Medical Center
 - Consensus Session II (Room 204, Second floor)
"New Possibilities for Prevention and Treatment"
Facilitator: Carol Hartman, RN, DNSc
Professor, Boston College
School of Nursing
- 10:00 AM COFFEE BREAK
- 10:15 AM RECONVENE CONSENSUS SESSIONS I AND II
- 11:00 AM CONVENE IN CONSENSUS SESSION III (James Room, Lobby level)
- "The Research Agenda for the Future"
Facilitator: Murray A. Straus, PhD
Director, Family Research Laboratory
University of New Hampshire
- 12:15 PM LUNCH (Dewey I, Plaza level)
- 1:15 PM RECONVENE IN PLENARY SESSION—WORKSHOP SUMMATION
- Presentation to the Surgeon General Results from Consensus Sessions I, II, III
 - Surgeon General's Response
- 2:30 PM WORKSHOP IS ADJOURNED

All plenary sessions will be recorded.

This workshop is being held at the request of the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography. Funding is provided by the U.S. Justice Department

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